

MULBERRY ACADEMY LONDON DOCK S10 CONSULTATION BOOKLET



WELCOME

The Mulberry Schools Trust is delighted to be appointed by Tower Hamlets Council and the Department for Education as the sponsor of Mulberry Academy London Dock. This pioneering new mixed secondary school in Wapping, is the first new secondary school to be commissioned for the borough in almost twenty years. The school is now in its pre-opening phase and we are now required to undertake a public consultation.

Mulberry Academy London Dock is brand new, fully inclusive, state funded, mixed secondary school, in the London Dock development in Wapping. The planned opening date is September 2023 for the first 180 students in Year 7 growing year on year to full capacity at 1,080. The school is part of the Mulberry Schools Trust and in each of our schools we have a very clear statement of purpose – ‘outstanding achievement for all’. This vision is underpinned by the desire to do more for high-quality education for all children and young people – and a commitment to schools working together to secure an inclusive, ambitious, collegiate and imaginative offer for parents and their children in East London.

By joining the Mulberry Schools Trust, Mulberry Academy London Dock, will become part of our family of schools with a commitment to working together to secure a great future for every student within our care.

The Mulberry Schools Trust will be appointing a Principal for Mulberry Academy London Dock shortly, along with teaching and other staff. We will keep you updated as this process progresses.

In the meantime, we are excited about our new school and look forward to welcoming families in September 2023.

We look forward to listening to your views, in order to provide parents/carers and the community we serve with the best secondary school possible.

Dr Vanessa Ogden
CEO

IMAGINATION, INNOVATION,
ASPIRATION AND AMBITION

ABOUT THE MULBERRY SCHOOLS TRUST

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a flourishing multi-academy trust set up in 2017 in Tower Hamlets. Our vision is to provide an outstanding education so that our students leave us as highly qualified, confident and articulate young people. Our family of schools include Mulberry School for Girls, Mulberry UTC, Mulberry Academy Shoreditch, Mulberry Stepney Green Maths, Computing and Science College, Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary School and Mulberry Academy London Dock, which will open in September 2023.

The values of the Trust align directly with those of Tower Hamlets Council. We have stayed true to our ethos and principles since our founding moment. We base our policies on fairness, transparency and inclusion whilst taking into consideration the ever-changing world our students are growing up in.

Our aim is to provide all our students with the best education regardless of their starting point. We provide a service to our families and we hold true to the fundamental principles of equal opportunity and inclusion for all.

OUR VISION – OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

What can you expect from Mulberry Academy London Dock?

Our vision for Mulberry Academy London Dock is to create an outstanding, fully inclusive secondary school to support the very highest aspirations of students. We believe this enables them to lead successful, happy and fulfilled lives, making a contribution to their own community and to wider British society.

Every student will receive an education that has three key aims:

- 1** To engender high levels of academic ambition with knowledge of how to learn and how to communicate one's learning and strong understanding through high quality, confident writing and speaking. Students will learn the intellectual skills and technical language for the subjects they study so that they can perform at the highest level. Students will be taught how to be independent learners and how to work together to support each other in successful learning.
- 2** To provide rich personal development that includes a strong moral, spiritual and social foundation, to foster a highly developed imagination and creativity. Students will be taught to think critically and analytically, to be curious and question, and to be open-minded with a strong understanding of the world around them. Students will be supported to develop confidence, resilience and security in their abilities and to extend their talents. Students will be helped to develop their 'voice' and will be provided with a variety of platforms through which they can practise public speaking and make their voices heard.
- 3** To enable the development of high aspirations and self-determination through opportunities for leadership, engagement with higher education and the professional workplace and experience of different cultures. Students will become global ambassadors – for the school, their community and for British society. Students will actively work for positive social change.

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OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

OUR CURRICULUM

At Mulberry Academy London Dock we will provide the highest quality of teaching supported by excellent pastoral care and support for learning. Our curriculum will be academically rigorous, but differentiated to support all students. Students will be encouraged to develop an understanding of how they can become better learners, how emotional intelligence and personal learning and thinking skills can help them progress, as well as their responsibility as community members and successful citizens.

The curriculum will be a rich, academic curriculum for 11-18 year olds providing a seven-year learning journey with these features:

- » **A strong, successful emphasis on basic skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT**
- » **A rigorous and unashamedly ambitious approach to academic learning**
- » **Inclusive and adaptive to stretch and challenge all learners**
- » **A flourishing, vibrant arts and science education**
- » **An extensive extra-curricular programme**
- » **Opportunities for performance, self-expression and public speaking**
- » **Global citizenship and political literacy**
- » **Growth in leadership skills and understanding**

Students at Key Stage 3 will follow the full National Curriculum including English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Language, Computer Science, Physical Education, Art, Music, Drama and Technology. Students at GCSE will study English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, PSHE, PE and will choose a Modern Foreign Language, a Humanities subject and an Arts/Design subject. Students will be able to study Triple Sciences and Computer Science at GCSE.

At Mulberry Academy London Dock we believe in making connections and fostering relationships with external partners in higher education, business, industry, the arts and the sciences. These external partners include Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd who support our STEM work, the National Theatre who support the arts and Barts Health NHS Trust who support our health specialism. Our partners enrich the curriculum and provide opportunities for learning outside the classroom, including employer led projects and partnerships.

Alongside our curriculum, our enrichment offer at Mulberry Academy London Dock is extensive and includes:

- » **Greenpower** - opportunity to design, build and race a green powered car
- » **Performance** - regular opportunities to participate in the arts, drama and music. For example students performing at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe
- » **Subject societies** - regular lectures, speakers and visits to our top universities and institutions
- » **International trips** - to help develop an appreciation and understanding of the world
- » **Sports coaching** - in particular cricket, football, rugby, martial arts, hockey, fencing, rowing and climbing
- » **Outdoor education** - to encourage experiential learning and improved mental health and wellbeing

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
FOR ALL**

WHY DOES TOWER HAMLETS NEED A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL?

The Local Authority, Tower Hamlets Council, has a legal duty to ensure there are enough school places for all local children. The London Borough of Tower Hamlets has long since been experiencing the fastest population growth in the UK. The Local Authority Report on the Latest School Roll Projections from February 2022 has identified a future demand for school places at the point of entry in Year 7.

The Local Authority has been working alongside the developer St Georges' and its planning departments to identify the education impact of the new housing development in Wapping, London Dock. As a result, the Local Authority has identified the need to create a new secondary school to meet the anticipated need for new school places. The additional places provided by Mulberry Academy London Dock will remove the risk of any shortfall of school places in Tower Hamlets as well as meeting the schooling requirements of families moving into the new housing development at London Dock.

The Local Authority, the Mulberry Schools Trust and the Department for Education are in partnership on opening Mulberry Academy London Dock.

Please note this consultation is not related to any building or planning applications surrounding the new school; it is solely to consult on whether appropriate persons support the Trust to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education to run Mulberry Academy London Dock.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The Mulberry Schools Trust adheres to the Local Authority's policy and procedures for admission arrangements for Mulberry Academy London Dock. Admissions arrangements are managed by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. You can find information about the admissions process to the school on the Tower Hamlets Council website [here](#).

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

We would like to hear from all the community in the coming weeks to help inform the Secretary of State for Education's decision on whether to enter into a funding agreement with the Mulberry Schools Trust.

We would like to listen to your comments and act on any feedback to ensure that Mulberry Academy London Dock is the best it can be to meet the needs of the community we serve.

To give us feedback you can:

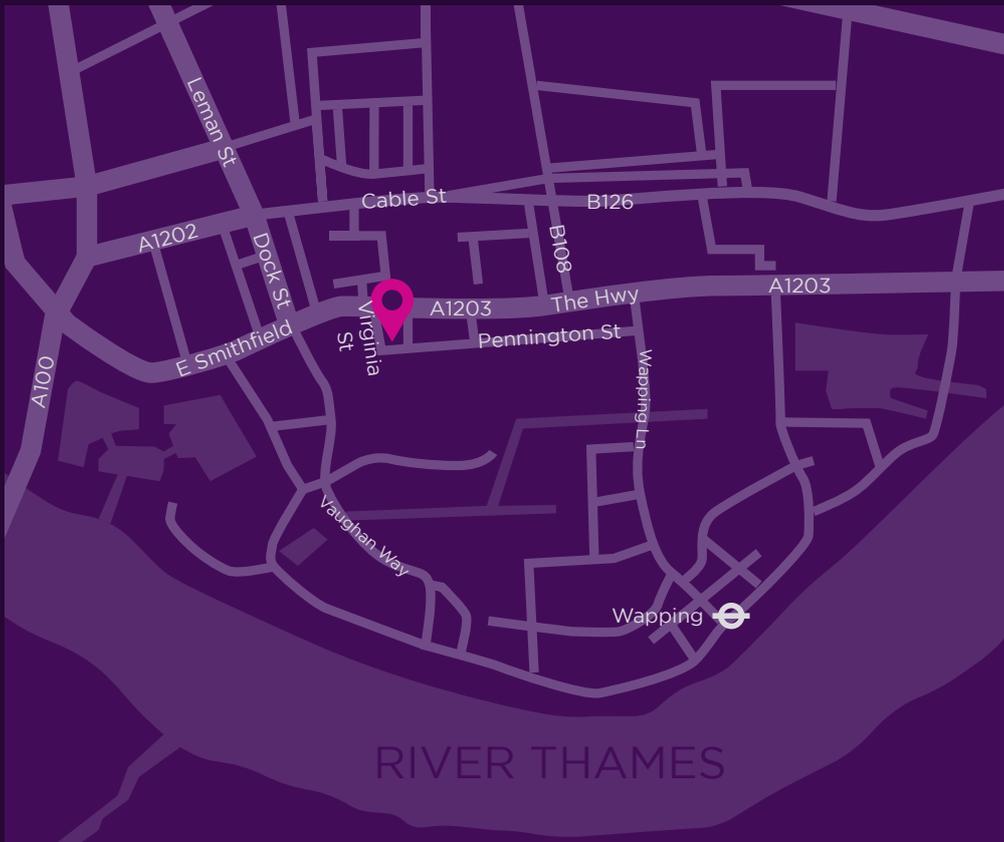
- » Visit our website at www.mulberrylondondock.org/consultation and complete the online consultation questionnaire
- » Email mulberrylondondock@mulberryschoolstrust.org and request a copy of the questionnaire or download it from our website
- » Return the completed consultation questionnaire via the email address above or post to Mulberry Academy London Dock, c/o Mulberry Schools Trust, Richard Street, Commercial Road, London E1 2JP

We will record all views that are shared with us during the formal consultation which will last for 4 weeks from 21st November to the 16th December 2022.

If you are interested in applying for a school place or would like to hear more about how you can support us, please get in touch with us.

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